

Topic Based Questionnaire

The second topic based questionnaire was administered during February 2016.

Questionnaires were hand delivered by volunteers to all houses and businesses in the village and posted out to hamlets, rural dwellings and rural businesses. The questionnaire was available to complete on-line through Survey Monkey and via a link from the Parish Council website. In addition a supply of questionnaires were available to pick up at the Post Office, Library and Community Centre.

The questionnaire was promoted through the Parish Council website, Parish Council notice board, articles in the Parish Council newsletter in November 2015 and February 2016 and articles in the Village Voice newspaper in November 2015, January 2016 and February 2016.

On Saturday 20 February an open day event was held at the Methodist Church. This offered members of the community the opportunity to discuss the questionnaire and ask questions and view a display on the Neighbourhood Plan whilst enjoying a coffee. Volunteers spoke with approximately forty people at the event. Two completed questionnaires were returned and four questionnaires were completed at the event.

The closing date for receiving questionnaires was 29 February 2016. Completed paper questionnaires could be returned by using the drop-in boxes at the Post Office, Library and Community Centre or by post to the Parish Council office.

307 completed questionnaires were returned.

The analysis of the questionnaire has been undertaken through Survey Monkey.

61 questionnaires were completed and submitted on-line direct to Survey Monkey. 246 paper questionnaires were received. These questionnaires were then inputted onto Survey Monkey by the Clerk. For the first 6 questionnaires this was undertaken with a volunteer to check for accuracy and operation. The information on the questionnaires was inputted word for word with no interpretation involved.

Issues

- Some individuals ticked two response boxes for one question i.e. strongly agree and agree. In such instances no response was inputted.
- Some individuals ticked between two responses. In such instances no response was inputted.
- Some individuals provided text where there was no text box. In such instances this text was not included.
- In cases where two individuals completed one questionnaire, if the age is not clear, no response was inputted in the age category.

A sample of 5% (12 Questionnaires) were checked for accuracy of inputted information by three members of the working group. These questionnaires were selected randomly.

| Questionnaire Number | Date questionnaire was inputted onto Survey Monkey | Comments | Accuracy |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| 272 | 15 March 2016 | | 100% |
| 303 | 22 March 2016 | Example of a tick between 2 answers (Q1) Example of text where there was no text box | 100% |
| 287 | 17 March 2016 | | 100% |
| 175 | 10 March 2016 | | 100% |
| 92 | 25 February 2016 | | 100% |
| 103 | 25 February 2016 | | 100% |
| 80 | 24 February 2016 | | 100% |
| 52 | 23 February 2016 | | 100% |
| 151 | 8 March 2016 | | 100% |
| 253 | 14 March 2016 | | 100% |
| 229 | 14 March 2016 | | 100% |
| 202 | 14 March 2016 | | 100% |

Of the 12 questionnaires checked there were no errors or mistakes found. The 12 questionnaires were signed by those checking them.

Analysis

Draft Vision

'Lanchester will be a place with the facilities and amenities to serve and maintain a strong and cohesive community. The Neighbourhood Plan will protect and enhance its essential village character, its wealth of diverse wildlife habitats and heritage assets, its attractive rural setting and the economic, social and leisure opportunities they provide to the benefit of all who live, work in and visit the area'.

96.63% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Vision

Draft Objectives

Objective 1 HOUSING

'To meet the housing needs of the Parish in order to contribute to a strong and flourishing community, whilst protecting the essential qualities and attributes of the area'

88.92% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

Objective 2 DESIGN OF NEW DEVELOPMENT

'To ensure that any new development in the Parish, whether it is new-build housing, conversion of existing buildings or other built development is carefully designed to protect the essential qualities and attributes of the area'

95.85% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

Objective 3 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

'To support local employment opportunities within Lanchester and the provision of shops and services to meet the needs of those who live, work in and visit the area. To support a strong and diverse rural economy, including farming, tourism and other land-based rural businesses which respect the special qualities and character of the countryside'

99.31% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

Objective 4 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

'To ensure that the diverse heritage assets of the Parish are identified, protected and enhanced, and their significance is understood, recognising the positive role they can have in learning for present and future generations and the economic, social and leisure value they provide to those who live, work in and visit the area'

99.66% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

Objective 5 GREEN SPACES & THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT

'To protect and enhance the attractive rural setting of Lanchester, the open green spaces within it and the quality of the wider countryside'

98.97% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

Objective 6 TRANSPORT & TRAVEL

'To reduce the detrimental effects of traffic and parking pressures, whilst seeking to cater for a range of modes of transport and travel to better meet the needs of those living, working in and visiting the Parish'

98.25% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

Objective 7 COMMUNITY ASSETS

'To identify and protect community assets in the Parish in order to sustain and promote a strong and flourishing community'

99.32% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed with the Objective

There were some comments made about all the objectives, but the responses demonstrated an overwhelming support for the Vision and Objectives.

Other question analysis includes:

Q In the years since 2001, planning permissions have been granted for approximately 10 to 12 dwellings per year in the Parish as a whole. Do you think that over this period this amount of housing development has been too much, too little, or about right?

A Too much - 32% Too Little - 7% About right - 61%

Q Thinking about the housing currently available in the Parish and the future needs of the community, what do you think would be an appropriate amount of new houses to be built over the next 10 to 15 years?

A None - 26%

Up to 5 a year - 20%

6 - 10 a year - 24%

11 - 15 a year - 21%

16 - 20 a year - 9%

Q In terms of managing the location of new housing development in a Neighbourhood Plan, do you favour (in principle) the identification of a clear boundary to the settlement of Lanchester?

A 89% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed

Q Do you think the Neighbourhood Plan should draw upon the Village Design Statement to include up to date policies and guidance for the design of new development?

A 92% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed

Q Do you think it is appropriate for a Neighbourhood Plan to identify important (non-Listed) buildings or features within the Parish for inclusion in a 'local list'?

A 95% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed

Q Do you think it is important for the Neighbourhood Plan to identify open green spaces for protection within the settlement of Lanchester?

A 99% of those who responded agreed or strongly agreed

Q What provisions would you like to see in terms of encouraging business and employment uses within the Parish?

A Encouraging working from home - 91% strongly agree or agree

Making provision for existing businesses
in the Parish to thrive and grow - 97% strongly agree or agree

Making provision for suitable small scale
employment to establish and thrive - 93% strongly agree or agree

Making provision to allow Lanchester to

remain a popular tourist/visitor
destination

- 96% strongly agree or agree

Q Which of the following should be a high, medium or low priority for the Parish?

| A | High | Medium | Low |
|------------------------------------|------|---------|-----|
| Better public transport | | 56% 38% | 6% |
| Better provision for cyclists | 19% | 45% | 36% |
| Better provision for pedestrians | 41% | 39% | 20% |
| Improved provision for car parking | 73% | 20% | 7% |
| Traffic calming measures | 48% | 27% | 25% |